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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of                      Seiji SUGIYAMA et al.  
Serial No.                                      10/615,660  
Filing Date                                  July 9, 2003  
Title    Sn-BASED METAL-COATED STEEL STRIP EXCELLENT IN  
APPEARANCE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination, applicants submit herewith the Preliminary Amendment. No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.